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Native American Day hosted by JOM

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The Seminole Nation Johnson O'Malley program celebrated Native American Day on Friday, November 20, 2015 at the Reynolds Wellness Center in Seminole.

There were over 700 students from local schools. Bowlegs, Butner, Justice, Konawa, Sasakwa, Seminole, Varnum, and Wewoka schools observed Native American Heritage month with a Native American Day Celebration.

There were many Seminole Nation programs and other vendors that attended that day. The Konawa School language teacher, Joe Coon kicked off the event with a prayer in our Native language. His high school languages classes I & II sang beautiful hymns in the Maskoke language. The choir that sang that day was Rhiannon Camp, Jarrod Coon, Branden Davis, Summer Foster, Aimee Frazier, Mahaley Larney, Noah Merchant, Blake Postak, Emillio Stokes, Alorra Tatum, Caleb Tatum, Preston Brazell, Hannah Camron, Madison Chapman, Desiree Dun-



can, Allison Coker, Lauren Coker, Sheyenne Coody, Jordyn Zachary, Caleb Hughes, Josey Hunt, Bailey Key, Jaden Lankford, Dawsyn Lyon, Brayden McDaniel, Kitty Nelson, Christopher Stokes, Christian Tanyan, Missena Tiger, Jamie Walker, Marissa Coker, Dustin Griffis, Zac-

cheus Lumley, and Jake McCraw.

The event hosted twenty-two cultural demonstration booths. Eight booths demonstrated traditional foods offering hundreds of samples for tasting to the JOM students. The preparation of Bluebread by Dana Harjo, Cowboy bread by Juanita

Wise, frybread by Patty Kishketon, sour cornbread by Bennie Tiger, sofke by Jackie Warledo, salt meat by Jimmy Tiger, hominy & pork by Denese Factor, and grape dumplings by Nancy Fixico, were all demonstrated.

Other booths were hosted by June Lee demonstrating patchwork, Jimmy Deatherage showing off his lye making skills, and former Assistant Chief Ella Coleman sharing a booth about the Ocese band and Seminole history with rare photographs. Dewayne Miller and his family had a booth about our Seminole history as well. Rodney Factor's booth displayed many Seminole historical items to share with the students. Loyd Martin showed student's beadwork and Danita Harjo also shared beading skills. Wisey Narcomey showed the students samples of finger-weaving for them to admire. Tushka Hill displayed flutes, how to make flutes, and played music for the students. Bessie Spencer also had patchwork to show at her booth. Wayne Shaw had Council & Seminole history at his booth. Scott Robison demonstrated stickball making. Timothy Proctor's family demonstrated can shakers. The tribal members were involved in

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Veterans Ceremony hosted by the Seminole Nation Veterans Department

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The Seminole Nation Veterans Department hosted a Veterans Ceremony on November 11, 2015 in honor of Veterans Day at the Seminole Nation Veterans


Cemetery in Seminole. There were about 40 people in attendance for the ceremony.

Seminole Nation Veterans Program director Galen Greenwalt said he wanted to do something very special for Veterans on Veterans Day and also said he wants to make this

an annual event. "It was a cold, windy day but it was a very good time of honoring Veterans," said Greenwalt.

The Seminole Nation Honor Guard posted the colors. The Seminole Nation Princesses led the Pledge of Allegiance, and then they

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Native American Day

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sharing the many aspects of the Seminole Nation culture and history.

Tushka Hill, a Seminole tribal member also played the flute for the audience. He shared information about his love of flute making and the Seminole history of flute music. Seminole Nation bands were represented by General Council members, band chiefs, assistant band chiefs, and tribal members. Each band shared something interesting and unique their band was known for so the students could learn more about our history.

The stomp dance demonstration was performed by Manuel Harjo and his family including Sho-Tut Harjo, Eilan Harjo, Dakotah Proctor, Naomi Harjo, Kevin Harjo, Maria Sopano, John Harjo, Marsey Harjo, Marcus Harjo, Addyson Hulbutta, Paisley Hulbutta, and Seth Fixico. Most of the stomp dancers were from Oklahoma City and Tahlequah and were performing at other schools later in the day. The Seminole Nation appreciates all their efforts to share the dance with our students. The students had so much fun dancing.

The pow wow exhibition included Rowe Kishketon and his dancers. The exhibition was beautiful and the audience participated as well. Everyone enjoyed dancing and the students had fun learning. Marty Thurman was the MC for the pow wow. Tylenol Thurman and Kyrach Holata were the head little girl dancers and Landon Primeaux was the head boy dancer.

The participating schools brought along fifty-five staff members including assistants, JOM staff, teachers, principals, and superintendents. Many Seminole tribal members also attended the celebration. It was a fun event for the JOM students to learn about the history and culture of the Seminoles.

Veterans Ceremoney

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also performed God Bless American in sign language.

Former Assistant Chief Ella Colman gave the opening prayer. Principal Chief Leonard M. Harjo gave the introductory remarks.

Frank Alexander, retired officer and Vietnam Combat veteran spoke about giving recognition to Vietnam Veterans. This year is also the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. At the end of the ceremony the honor guard did the twenty-one gun salute and the playing of taps. Then Seminole Nation Veterans Program director closed the ceremony with a prayer.



Seminole Nation Princess Masqurade Ball

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The Seminole Nation Princesses hosted their Masquerade Ball at the Wewoka High school gym with all four princesses in attendance. The princesses served finger foods and punch, and danced various line dances. All four princesses enjoyed themselves and had a wonderful time.

The 2015-2016 Seminole Nation Royalty and Seminole Nation Princess Committee will host their 2nd annual Benefit Stomp Dance Saturady, Febraury 13th 2016 at the Wewoka Civic Center (123 S. Mekusukey, Wewoka, OK, 74884.

The M.C. will be Kevin Mack.

There will be a dinner from 6pm-7pm and the Dance will be from 7pm-9pm. For more information contact Tiffany Ahgoom: Cell - (405) 221-0862 or email - seminolenationroyalty@gmail.com

Seminole Nation Tribal Court Supreme Court Justice and District Judge (Contractual Positions) Mekusukey Mission – Seminole, Oklahoma

- Description:** The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma is soliciting applications for one District Judge and one Supreme Court Justice.
- Qualifications:** To be eligible for either office, a candidate must:
- (a) be a licensed attorney who
 - (i) is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe;
 - (ii) is in good standing with the licensing authorities where licensed;
 - (iii) who possesses a demonstrated background in tribal court practice, and
 - (b) have demonstrated moral integrity and fairness in his business, public and private life, and
 - (c) never been convicted of a felony or an offense punishable by banishment, whether or not actually imprisoned or banished, and have not been convicted of any offense, except traffic offenses, for a period of ten years next preceding his appointment. The ten year period shall begin to run from the date the person was unconditionally released from supervision of any sort as a result of a conviction.
 - (d) have regularly abstained from the excessive use of alcohol and use of illegal drugs or psychotoxic chemical solvents.
 - (e) be not less than twenty-five (25) years of age.
 - (f) not be a member of the General Council, or the holder of any other elective Office of this Nation, provided, that a candidate who is a member of the General Council, or the holder of some other elective Office of the Nation, may be confirmed as a Judge subject to his resignation. Upon resignation from his office, he may be sworn in as and assume the duties of judicial office.

All Judges of the District Court shall serve four (4) year terms of office beginning from the date of their confirmation and until their successors take office, unless removed for cause, or by death or resignation. All Judges so appointed shall be eligible for reappointment at the expiration of their terms.

All Justices of the Supreme Court shall serve six (6) year terms of office beginning from the date of their confirmation and until their successors take office, unless removed for cause, or by death or resignation. All Justices so appointed shall be eligible for reappointment at the expiration of their terms.

Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. (cst) January 20, 2015.

Applications for either position or inquiries should be directed to:

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General Council Secretary
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1498
Wewoka, OK 74884
(405) 257-7200

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online, anytime at

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announcements

NAK-OK KER KUECETV

Birthdays

December 1	Betsy Harjo
December 1	Brandon Ricketts
December 2	Hilly Mae Gunville
December 2	Beau Harjo
December 2	Tabitha Harjo
December 2	Avery Hailey
December 3	Owen Hellman
December 3	Lisa Looper
December 4	Quinn Martin
December 4	Brittany Merritt
December 5	Mary Wood
December 5	Tiffany Welch
December 5	Bessie Spencer
December 6	Mark Joshua
December 6	William Williams
December 6	Emma Gates
December 8	Osceola Little
December 8	Romney Williams
December 9	DeMya H. Tiger
December 9	Tori Lasley
December 10	Georgia Long
December 10	Lily Ashley
December 11	Davey Martin
December 11	Cole Walker
December 11	Louis Wyscocki
December 11	Gunner Thlocco
December 12	Michael Deere
December 13	Patricia Harjo
December 13	Tyler Hulbutta
December 13	Steven Plott
December 13	Ben Holahta
December 14	Holly Little
December 14	Shawn Harjo
December 15	Jeana Tiger
December 15	Lelinda Carter
December 15	Melath Ricketts
December 16	Krystle Neese
December 16	Crstyal Wind
December 17	Jerry Jones
December 17	Jason Scott
December 17	Brandy Rivera
December 17	Cednei Johnson
December 19	Linda Stewart
December 19	Trsiton Buckley
December 20	Anthony Hooser
December 20	Karen Miller
December 20	Nicolas Panuco
December 21	Tyler Fields
December 21	Isaiah Wind
December 22	Christina Belshe
December 22	Sophia Humphreys
December 22	Kimi Coker
December 23	Mary Hulbutta
December 24	Chassy Foster
December 25	Steve Harrison
December 25	Mandy Yellow Fish
December 25	Anna Givens
December 27	April House

If you would like to submit a birthday picture, anniversary or baby birth. Please email us at: media@sno-nsn.gov

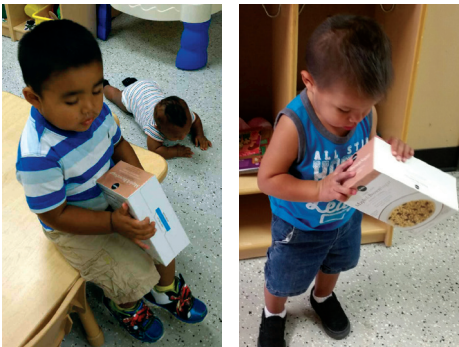
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December 27	Marcella Oliver
December 30	Adam Farani
December 30	Sadie Larney
December 30	Dewayne Wilson
December 30	Joe Factor
December 30	Chris Hulbutta
December 31	Howard Hulbutta
December 31	Monty Davis
December 31	Lela Webb



December 1st, 1975 - July 15, 2009

Happy birthday, Rhoda Lovell Camp! Still remembering and missing you.
Love, parents: Jackie Kernal + Antler Harjo; sister: Rhonda Narcomey; brother: Charlie Harjo; children: Rhiannon, Zaniel, Cynda + Israel Camp; nieces + nephew: Ateesha, William, WinterStar, WinterDawn + Tashina.



The Seminole Nation Head Start/ Early Head Start program would like to thank Tod Robertson, Director of the Food Distribution Program and the National Warehouse for donating nutritious food items to the families in the program. We truly appreciate the support and collaboration between the programs and look forward to continued collaborations. Thank you!

The Seminole Nation Head Start/ Early Head Start Program

Contact the Seminole Nation Human Resources Office at:

hr@sno-nsn.gov

to be added to HR's e-mail blast list and receive timely updates on vacancy announcements via personal e-mail.

call HR at (405) 257-7218 for more info

VPOKET 'PUNAHOYVKĒTS

PUM OPUNVKV VCAYĒCEPVKĒTS
(LET'S SIT AND TALK: LET'S SAVE OUR LANGUAGE)

During January 11-15th 2016, the Seminole Nation's Pumhaky School and the College of William and Mary will begin conducting video interviews of fluent Seminole speakers. This will be the second series of interviews in our documentation project.



This new project, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, will help document the language by making video recordings of elders. Students in the Center for Tribal Languages at Bacone College will learn the basics of editing video and adding subtitles in Seminole and English.

Do you know a Seminole speaker we could interview? If so, please contact Jennifer Johnson at (405) 220-2971 or email johnson.jenn@sno-nsn.gov.



ing to collect videos from a variety of speakers so that the dialects and varieties of languages are documented.
The videos reflect a rich narrative of a collective Oral History from our people. They are still being translated and transcribed, but continual progress on the Project can be viewed at: <http://muskogee.blogs.wm.edu>.
If you have any questions about the project, please feel free to contact me via email or telephone. Mvto!

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WHY PRESERVE ORAL HISTORY?
Every year the Seminole Nation loses fluent speakers of Seminole/Maskoke. Video recordings of elders will create a lasting record of events, memories, and traditions, and will be a valuable resource for students learning the language.
We are eager to document speakers on a range of topics, from everyday conversations to hymns and ways of preparing traditional foods.
The materials collected will be open to anyone for non-commercial use.
Please support our project! Let's leave a record for generations to come!

We will begin our second round of videotaped interviews of fluent speakers January 11th-15th. If you know of any speakers that would be interested in participating in the Language Documentation Project, please have them contact me to set up an interview time.
This project aims to capture the natural speech of a first language Maskoke speaker. We are attempt-

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- Household's income must not exceed the greater of 150% of the Federal Poverty guidelines
- Copies of Tribal Enrollment & Social Security Card verification for everyone in the household
- Proof of income for those 18 years and older in the household

Need Help With Your Heating Bill?

For further questions or information , please contact us or stop by our office for a LIHEAP Heating Assistance application today!

Seminole Nation Social Services
36645 HWY 270
Wewoka, OK 74884
(405) 257-6257 or
(405) 257-7260

** Please note, if you and/or your household will receive or have already received a heating assistance award from the Department of Human Services, you are not eligible to receive a LIHEAP award from the Seminole Nation Social Services program (per federal guidelines).

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Council Member
Recreates Seminole
Historical Scene

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Seminole Nation Council member Dewayne Miller modelled the recreation of this famous Seminole historical scene of Seminole leader Osceola after the famed Treaty of Payne’s Landing signing. According to Seminole history, as the treaty lay there in front of Osceola, on a wooden table, waiting for his signature, Osceola unsheathed his knife and pierced it through both treaty and table in a defiant effort to say no; he would not sign the treaty nor would he give up Seminole lands in Florida.



Queese IMC

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Marcus "Queese Imc" Frejo, Seminole Bear clan and Skidi Pawnee Indigenous Hip-hop Artist released his new cd called DEFOVER30 Indigenous Hip-Hop Journey on Monday December 14, 2015. The new cd has 17 songs that feature his brother Brian Frejo also known as Shock B, and numerous other hip-hop artists. This is Queese’s first solo album in 5 years. This album was recorded, mixed and mastered by Queese and his production team Illuminati. Queese said that this project is an album for the people its an Indigenous Hip-Hop Journey. This cd is available at www.cdbaby.com/queeseimc5.

CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES IN MASKOKE

‘Stonko?	How are you?
‘Stonkis os.	I’m fine.
Centv?	What about you?
Ehe, nak ‘stonks ce!	Yes, things are fine!
Cehocefkv naket owa?	What’s your name?
...cvhocefkvt os.	... is my name.
Cem vlike naket owa?	What’s your band?
...vm etvlwvt os.	...is my band.
Cem vliketv naket owa?	What’s your clan?
...vm vliketvt os.	...is my clan?
Estvmvn liketska?	Where do you live?
...likit ont os.	...is where I live.
Cehecarēs.	I’ll see you later.
‘Tehecvkvrēs.	We’ll see each other later.

MASKOKE CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

Nettv-cako-Rakko (Christmas)



U N N A X D J B M T C V M P U C E N F D
R J M G L S A K K O P V N K V C T A E K
H R S N O W S V H E T U T E E O R J
F J H C V L C A T E S F F D Y Y
V A Z Y E Y K R V F O F A S
C D H V X W O P N S C R
Y N E T U B S I C M O O A O
A L E N B X J G N O C K N E
C X K A M V S T A R T C X E G C
G I V I N G R L E E V S C S
Y H E R K V E K E R M F K J
V Q G X O N D P T V
Y I Y O S V F J
Z P H W

Merry Christmas

HETUTE	SNOW	KOCOCVMPV	STAR
RVFO	WINTER	YVHIKETV	SONGS
HEROMKV	GIVING	CATE	RED
LANE	GREEN	CVMPUCE	CANDY
VCENV	CEDAR	SAKKOPVNVK	TOYS
VNOKECKV	LOVE	HERKV	PEACE

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In order to understand clan law and its guiding force in the lives of Seminole people it is necessary to provide a brief explanation of the origin of clans. In ancient times the people aligned themselves with certain animal and other supernatural spirits to assist them in enduring a hardship they were experiencing. Upon doing so a vow was made promising a commitment by the individuals associated with their particular being to remain in association from that point forward. For the majority of Seminole people this clan association has been maintained into modern times.

Clan Law and kinship are highly revered and held in great respect within the spiritual and ceremonial world among the Seminole people. Clan law traditionally governs every aspect of tribal life, from the spiritual, to the governmental, to the social.

Clans are matrilineal as they are inherited through one’s mother. For example, if an individual’s mother is of the Wotkvke or Raccoon Clan, and the father is of the Hvlpvtvlke or Alligator Clan, that individual would be of the Raccoon Clan. However, this person would also be related to the Alligator Clan, as a son or daughter. In turn, all other Raccoon Clan people and Alligator Clan people would be that persons relations, and would be referred to as aunts and uncles, if the age of a fellow clansman was

relative to that of the mother and father, or brother and sister if the age of the clansman was relative to that of the child him/herself.

The Seminole base the ability to take a spouse on clan relationships. There is never to be intermarriage of clans. In keeping with the previous example of marriage between a Raccoon Clan and an Alligator Clan, a Raccoon Clan woman marrying a man of the Raccoon or Alligator Clan would be the equivalent of a woman marrying her brother, or according to age, a daughter marrying her father.

Historically, many marriages were arranged according to clan strength, or need for renewing life into a dormant clan. Although there are various creation stories that relate the hierarchy of the various clans, each clan holds essential qualities that pertained to a specific job or position held in the ceremonial ground, as well as at home. Each clan had a special talent, as well as a balance of weaknesses for various aspects of the spiritual world.

For example, if a tribal town was only allowed to seat a certain clan as their chief, for example, they could only be of the Bear Clan, and there was a shortage of Bear Clan people in the tribal town, then men would be encouraged to take a wife of the Bear Clan. In turn, the children of this marriage would be of the Bear Clan, and would therefore help to restore the Bear Clan people.

tribal news

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Louie Honored at Connors

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Former New Lima High School standout basketball player, Eddie Louie, was recently inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Connors State College in Warner.

Louie played at Connors from 1978 to 1980, earning All-American honors in 1980 and graduated with an Associate of Arts degree.

He continued his career and academic schooling at Oklahoma City University, where he played under legendary coach Ken Trickey and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Following his collegiate career, he played semi-pro basketball in Chile.

Louie was on two state championship teams at New Lima. His team also won the Tulsa Tournament of Champions.

At present, Louie assists coaching an AAU basketball team and is employed by Cameron Valves and Measurements in Oklahoma City. The AAU team, the Junior Oklahoma City Thunder, is for boys and girls from Oklahoma.

Louie has four children: Eddie Louie Jr. of Norman, Eli Louie and Letitia Daniels of Oklahoma City and Kelvin Olden Louie of Dallas. He has seven grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Eddie is the son of Al and Cora Lee of Seminole and Earl and Barbara Berry of Shawnee.

He has passed on his talents and winning tradition to his children and grandchildren.

Eddie Jr. won state championships in football and basketball

his senior year at Seminole High School. Kelvin won state basketball championships at Wewoka and his grandson, Jalan Daniels, won a state football championship at Blanchard High School.

Seminole Nation BIA Scholarships information

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The scholarships guidelines are as follows: The student has to submit a new application every semester with the required documents (Application, CDIB, Tribal Card, Official High School or College Transcript, GED Certificate, Financial Aid Form signed by the college financial aid officer, Enrollment Form, Higher Education Student Agreement , Authorization to Release Information & Privacy Statement). Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Deadline to submit applications with the required documents are as follows: for SPRING semester (February 14); Deadline for FALL semester (September 14).

Every student will be required to maintain a GPA of 2.50 every semester. The monies for the scholarship are as follows: Students attending a four-year university- full time will be awarded \$1,500; students attending a four-year university part-time will be awarded \$750. Students attending a state/community college full-time will be awarded \$1,000; students attending a state/ community college part-time will be awarded \$500.

Full-time students are required to be enrolled in 12 credit hours, and part-time students are required to be enrolled in 6 credit hours.

Scholarships are based on available funds, and scholarship monies are mailed to the student's college/ university business/bursar office.

If there are any questions, please contact the Higher Ed office at 405-257-7263.

Seminole Nation Domestic Violence Awareness Banquet and Quilt Auction

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The Seminole Nation held its annual Domestic Violence Awareness Banquet and Quilt Auction on October 17, 2015 at the Seminole State College Haney Center. The program kicked off with Principal Chief Leonard M. Harjo giving the welcome and First Lady Sheila Harjo giving the introductions. Seminole Nation Senior Princess Dena Tiger-Kloeher gave the opening prayer for the night. The entertainment for the evening was by former Seminole Nation Princess Tesakiah Harjo and her father Matthew Harjo.

The last event on the agenda was the annual quilt auction, which was hosted again by Auctioneer, Mike Johnson.

This year was also the first year the Domestic Violence program gave away the Yvette Harjo scholarship. Harjo was a long time educator and supporter of domestic violence

program. The first recipient of the award was Katy Gunville. With the new award the domestic violence program wanted to give the recipient a hand up and congratulate her on breaking the cycle of violence and for doing so well. All the funds raised during the quilt auction will go towards help with the Domestic Violence Program.



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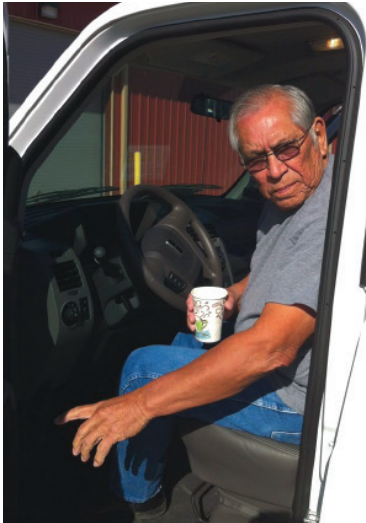
Current News

THEY'RE HERE!!!

On Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015, Creative Bus Sales drove four new MV-1's from Tulsa to the Public Transit offices.



Driver Christina Belshe and Dir. Rachel Dinwiddie.



Driver Harry Bruner is ready for action!



Assistant Chief, Lewis Johnson; Chief, Leonard M. Harjo; and Rachel Dinwiddie, Dir. of Public Transit



Drivers Randy Ahhaitty and Michael Antinori are seated with Dispatcher Josie Fields in the new MV-1.

DID you know?

Medical requests are a set time unless the customer needs more time.

- Medical appointment = 3 hours
- Pharmacy visit = 1 hour
- When your appointment is done, you will need to wait for your return pickup.

Upcoming Events

Public Transit will be closed on the following holidays:

- Dec. 23-25
- Jan. 1, New Year's Day
- Jan. 18—Martin Luther King Day

Have you called in your ride yet?

Schedule a ride 24 hours ahead:

1.844.774.6200 (toll-free)

405.716.6200 (local)

405.234.5212

Call 2 hours ahead to cancel!

When will the new vehicles be in use?

According to Rachel Dinwiddie, we are currently awaiting new vehicle registrations for the tags and license plates. Lettering and graphics will also be added over the next few weeks.

Can a wheelchair fit? Yes! These 4 vehicles are designed to accommodate wheelchairs.

How many passengers will fit? 2 wheelchairs and up to 4 passengers can fit.



Rachel Dinwiddie, Dir. of Public Transit, and Mark Ondich, Creative Bus Sales, are signing over the vehicles to the Public Transit.

Bus Fares were reinstated on July 13, 2015. All passengers pay \$1 per ride – except for seniors 55 years and older or persons with a disability. Passengers are required to pay when they board the vehicle. Drivers are tracking No Pay's. If a customer doesn't pay and makes a habit of it, Admin staff will be in contact with him or her. A consistent habit of not paying may lead to suspension of services.

Inclement Weather
Winter time is here and so is the forecast for cold, icy and snowy weather. Please be aware that the Public Transit service will be closed when roads are hazardous for travel or if Seminole County schools

are closing due to inclement weather. During inclement weather conditions, SNPT will cancel service or operate on a limited basis. SNPT will resume services on roads that are priority for ice and snow removal and will resume regular

service when all roads are clear and safe for travel. The SNPT Dispatcher on duty will notify passengers of cancellations or changes to scheduling.

Scheduling is made on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS when the

customer calls the Dispatcher with his request. If you call after hours, leave a message on the voice mail. The Dispatcher will return your call with a confirmation. Regular riders need to call in their rides. Your ride is not "reserved" unless you call it in.

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Seminole Nation Recreation Program hosts Native American Basketball Camp



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The Seminole Nation Recreation program had their annual Native American boys and girl’s basketball camp November 23, 2015 at Bowlegs Public School for ages 5-9.

The Camp Instructor was Training with Foster basketball trainer AJ Foster. Foster recently started his training program in the spring of this year. At TWF sessions Foster not only teaches about basketball skills he also incorporates tribal cultural in his sessions. “The athletes all improved within an hour of training, the campers improved on ball handling, shooting, and listening skills,” said Foster. “We also had a cultural part by talking about the turtle shell and gourd dribbling,” Foster added.

There were 14 campers from Bowlegs, Holdenville, Okemah, & Wewoka schools. They worked on

the fundamentals of ball handling and for the 8 and 9 years olds. They also worked with combo drills and post drills. Ronnie Harjo also with TWF helped out and taught on the fundamentals of shooting.

“I’d like to thank the parents for coming out, Bowlegs Public School, and Victor Bear for allowing TWF to be a part of enhancing youth development,” said Foster.

The Seminole Nation Recreation program would like to thank Bowlegs Public School for use of facilities, Seminole Nation Diabetes for use of equipment, Seminole Nation Food and Nutrition for providing fruit for snacks, Seminole Nation Transportation for providing backpacks for the campers, Seminole Nation Wildlife, Parks, & Recreation for setup and clean up, and Sabo West Foundation for providing lunch. The camp was sponsored by Seminole Nation Tribal Recreation program.



Tribal Member Helps Team Win State Title

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Seminole Nation tribal member Gracie Cain is a junior at Marietta High School in Marietta, Okla.

Gracie is an amazing person inside and outside of the classroom.

She is member of student council, yearbook staff, Marietta Cross Country team and track team. She is involved with her community and helps with community service projects. Recently she helped the American Legion with flags at the local cemetery and went to the Veterans Day ceremony to honor our

past and present Veterans.

Her most recent accomplishments was on October 17, 2015 and October 24, 2015 when she helped her team to win their 3rd consecutive Cross Country Regional and State Titles. Gracie placed 7th at Regionals and 9th at State which received her an automatic invitation to the Cross Country Meet of Champions and made her All-State medalist.

She is also a member of the Marietta Track team who won the 3A Regional Title for the 4x800 relay in 2014 and 2015. Gracie also won the Regional title for the 1600 meter run in 2015.

She is the daughter of Samuel and Janis Cain and the granddaughter of Quentin and Julia (Carpitcher) Scott. Cainz is also a member of the Tusekia Harjo band.

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Mission

The Alcohol Substance Abuse Program provides a comprehensive drug and alcohol program to assist American Indians and with the opportunity to resist, reduce and prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

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**Seminole Nation Of Oklahoma
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RESOURCE GUIDE**

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Seminole Nation Honor Guard presents colors at OKC Thunder basketball game.



Seminole Nation Honor Guard at Sorghum Day Parade in Wewoka, OK.



“Living History Days” in Portland area high schools.



Seminole Nation Honor Guard presents colors at “Living History Days.”.

Veterans Corner

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This column is an information source for all veterans in the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. Please share this with those who have served in our military forces, both past and present. Please feel free to come by the Veterans Services Office during the week, or give us a call at (405) 234-5242 to ask questions or make an appointment. My email address here at the office is greenwalt.g@sno-nsn.gov and you are welcome to contact me by email.

WHO IS A VETERAN?

The question is asked many times, “Who exactly is a veteran?” A veteran is anyone who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces, both combat and non-combat service. So, the question we ask is, “Have you served in the military?” If the answer is “yes,” then you are a veteran! Our office is here to help you.

VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

In the past months, Director Galen Greenwalt has been busy with assisting veterans with filing paperwork to obtain copies of discharge papers (DD-214s), gathering documentation for those filing disability appeals, driving an Iraq combat veteran to the VA Rehab program, giving rides to various veterans with doctor and clinic appointments in Oklahoma City, taking several veterans to the VA hospital enrollment office to sign up for VA Healthcare, answering phone calls from those needing educational benefit information, and handing out copies of the Veterans Benefit booklet.

SORGHUM DAY PARADE

Galen has been involved in many activities to promote the Veterans Affairs program. In October, he drove a vehicle for the Honor Guard in the Sorghum Day Parade in Wewoka.

“LIVING HISTORY DAYS” IN PORTLAND AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Galen accompanied the Honor Guard to a three-day event in the Portland, Oregon, area. This “Living History Days” program has been a 20-year tradition in many of the high schools there. It brings older veterans, specifically those from past wars who served in combat, to the classrooms to give first-hand accounts of military service. This year it included those who were ex-POWs from WWII.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

On Wednesday, November 11, a special Veterans Day Ceremony was held at the Seminole Nation Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Principal Chief Leonard Harjo and Vietnam combat veteran Frank Alexander were the main speakers. In addition, the Seminole Princesses presented patriotic songs through sign language. The Junior Miss Oklahoma Princess was present also.

VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATIVE PARTNER PROGRAM

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Veterans Affairs Department has joined with other groups across the country to be a Commemorative Partner with the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Program. We will begin to plan events and activities that will recognize Vietnam Veterans and their families’ service, valor and sacrifice. It will also be a time to pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by many here in the U.S. during the Vietnam Era.

ROLLING THUNDER EVENT NEXT MAY 2016

Our Seminole Nation has been given the honor of being asked to host the Kick-Off Event in Oklahoma for “Rolling Thunder” chapters who will ride through our state next May. This event here will be held on Friday-Saturday, May 13-14, 2016. Rolling Thunder is an advocacy group, mainly made up of motorcycle enthusiasts who are veterans. Their main project is an annual group ride called the “Freedom Ride,” which is a motorcycle rally to the Vietnam Wall in Washington DC on Memorial Day. This will be a special time for the Seminole Nation veterans and friends to come for a great veterans’ event. More information will be published soon.

REMINDER: “SILENT WARRIORS” GROUP MEETINGS

All veterans are encouraged to be a part of our “Silent Warriors” group meetings which are twice a month. The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, starting at 5 pm. It is a time for veterans of all time frames, combat and non-combat, to talk, listen and share in a relaxed atmosphere of camaraderie and discussion of common experiences concerning military life. All those who have prior military service are welcome! Call our office if you need more information or have any questions. In addition, a unique Female Veterans Group Session is being held on the third Thursday of each month, being held at the Grisso Mansion on Hwy 9 in Seminole.

VETERANS BENEFITS BOOKLET

The Veterans Office here has acquired copies of the booklet entitled Know Your Benefits: Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors, latest edition. They are available FREE to anyone who would like a copy. Many have already called our office and been given a copy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE

For more information or conversation about any VA issues, please contact us here at the Veterans Services Office at (405) 234-5242 or my cell number at (951) 533-1407.

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Loretta Nellie Votaw

Funeral Services for Loretta Nellie Votaw were held Monday, November 30, 2015 at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Houston Tiger and J.C. Simpson. Interment followed at Wolf Cemetery.

Loretta passed away Sunday, November 22, 2015 in Seminole. She was 79. Loretta was born May 28, 1936 in Seminole, Oklahoma to parents John Allen McGirt and Alice (Bean) McGirt. Loretta attended school at Justice, Wewoka and Carr City Schools. Loretta married Essie Nixon Votaw, Jr. on June 3, 1956 in Wolf, Oklahoma they raised six children of their own and one daughter from Loretta's previous marriage. Loretta worked as a Certified nurse's aide and Certified Medication aide for 17 years working at Maud Nursing Home, Seminole Pioneer nursing home and New Horizon Nursing Home in Konawa she also worked as a part-time dispatcher for the Maud Police Department. Loretta also was the JOM Project Manager, CMA and a nursing assistant. She was a member of the High Springs Church of Konawa. Loretta served on the Johnson O'Malley Committed and the Oklahoma Indian Rights Association. Loretta is half Creek and half Seminole Indian and is a member of the Rewalke Band.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Alice McGirt; husband, Essie N. Votaw, Jr.; one son, Charles Votaw; one daughter, Lucy Fisher; one grandson, Christopher Harjo; two brothers, Issac Foster, George Walker and two sisters,

Geneva Jones and Dianne Notah.

Survivors include three sons; Curtis Votaw of Seminole, Okla., Cecil Votaw and his wife Rebecca of Wolf, Okla., James Votaw and his wife Brenda of Maud, Okla.; three daughters, Katherine McGirt of Shawnee, Okla., Ramona Johnson and her husband Ronald of Seminole, Okla. and Carol Votaw of Wewoka, Okla.; 11 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and a host of great-great grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews, friends and family. Loretta loved her family and her Lord. She would always pray for them everyday. She was surrounded by her family when she went to be with her Lord and Savior.

Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole.



Christy Ann Stone

Funeral Services for Christy Ann Stone were held Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel in Seminole, Okla. Interment followed at the Williams Family Cemetery.

Christy passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at Baptist Integris Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She was 35. Christy was born December 11, 1979 in Oklahoma City, Okla. to parents, Leah Ann (Larney) Stone and Michael Stone. Christy graduated from Sasakwa High School in 2000, she then went on attend college before working as a teacher's aide at the Seminole Nation Head Start program.

Christy was a member of Hitchitee Indian

Methodist Church. She was also a proud member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

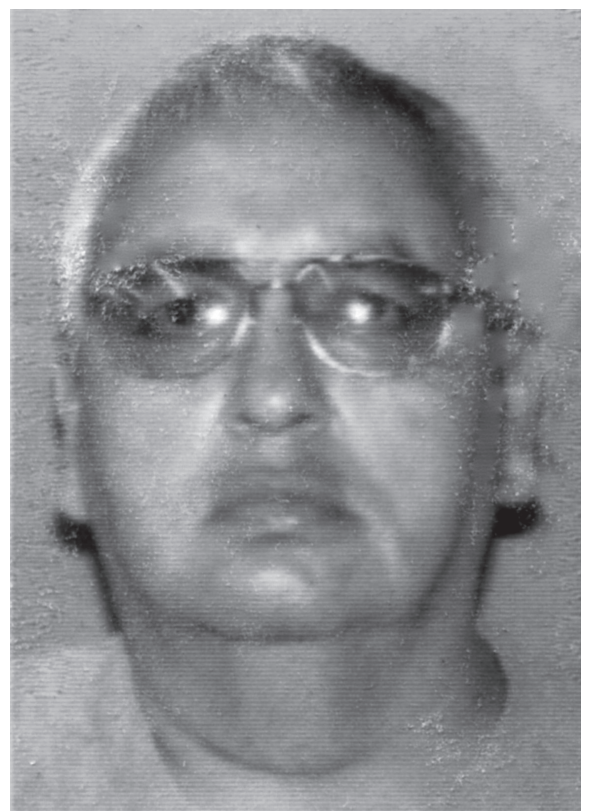
She is preceded in death by her biological mother, Leah Ann (Larney) Stone; by her maternal grandparents, Alex Larney and Valerene Lasley Larney; and by one sister, LaDenna Tiger.

Survivors include the mother who raised her, Mary Larney of Konawa, Okla.; three sons, Hunter Robledo, Vicente Robledo, and Joseph Robledo Jr. of Seminole, Okla.; one daughter, Sylvia Robledo of Maud, Okla.; 6 brothers, Joseph Stone of Springfield, Miss., Matthew Stone of Springfield, Miss., Michael Stone of Springfield, Miss., Andrew Stone of Springfield, Miss., William Hill of Owasso, Okla., Solomon Hill of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Pattis Larney of Shawnee, Okla.; the father of her children, Joseph Robledo, Sr. of Maud, Okla.; 3 grandchildren; her biological father, Michael Stone of Seminole, Okla.; Paternal grandmother, Alice Minor of Seminole, Okla.; and a host of other family and dear friends.

Casket Bearers were Joseph Robledo, William Hill, James Turnbow, Marshall Turnbow, Joseph Davis, and Brian Akerman.

Honorary Bearers were Cecelia Akerman, Diane Nero, Chastity Davis, Dorothy Williams, Judy Shaw, Pauline Counts, Ann Hickey, Evonne Berryhill, Linda Davis, Glenna Allison, and Ruth Bondoni.

Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole, Okla.



Jonase "Leon" Harjo

Funeral Services for Jonase "Leon" Harjo were held Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Sand Creek Eufaula Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Harjo Family Cemetery with Rev. Houston Tiger and Jimsey Harjo.

Leon passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at Monday, December 14, 2015 at Deaconess Hospital in Oklahoma City. He was 60.

Leon was born June 8, 1955 in Oklahoma City to parents Jonases "Smokey" Harjo and Mary Ellen (Scott) Harjo.

Leon graduated from Maud High School and went on to continue his education at Seminole Junior College. He also attended an automotive trade school in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Leon was a member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and member of the Newcomer Band.

On August 6, 2002 Leon married Lurlie Ann (Bolen) Sockey in Van Buren, Ark. Leon had worked in the Maud area for Furman's Red Bud Grocery Store and later for Buck's Quick Stop.

He was a current member of Sand Creek Baptist Church near Wewoka where he served as a deacon. Leon had also served as a deacon at Achena Presbyterian Church in Maud and at Rock Springs Church in Sasakwa.

Leon would often sing with many area Church Choral groups. He was also a born and bred Oklahoma Sooners Fan.

Leon was also well known for selling "football squares" to many people in the town of Maud. Maud was his hometown, and Leon was loved by many, he will truly be missed.

He is preceded in death by his father, Jonases "Smokey" Harjo, who died in 1989; by his mother, Mary Harjo, who died in 2009; by his grandfather, Lee Harjo, who died in 1986; by his wife, Lurlie Ann Sockey Harjo, who died Jan. 19, 2008; by three sisters, Rosie Anita Harjo, who died June 28, 2009, Rita (Harjo) Phelps Harris, who died Aug. 2, 2012, Kathie Jean (Harjo) Hurst, who died Oct. 16, 2011; by one brother, Randy Harjo who died, March 13, 2013; and by one niece, Angel Rachelle Harjo, who died April 13, 2015.

Survivors include one step-daughter, Alice Jane Darrough and her husband, Jerry of St. Louis, Okla.; one step-son, Tom Sockey of Allen, Okla.; four sisters, Joanna Harjo and her husband, Curtis Gentry of Konawa, Okla.; Jeannette Harjo-Codd and her husband, George Codd of Staten Island, New York, Toni Harjo of Seminole, Okla., Tiffany Harjo of Seminole, Okla.; one brother-in-law, Albert Curly of Maud, Okla.; nieces and nephews, Jacob Harjo, Keera Barber, Jeremiah Harjo, Joshua

Phelps, Keelan and Elizabeth Paschal, The Tribe, Christian Harjo, Hunter Codd; and a host of other family and dear friends as well as his beloved dog, Brandy.

Casket Bearers were Herman Foster, Skip Foster, Randy Horn, Terry Walker, Christian Harjo, Pollo Gonzalez and Jimmy Dean Harjo.

Honorary Bearers will be: Buddy Dodson, Jacob Harjo and Bumby Harjo. Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole.



Ricky Gale Burgess

Funeral Services for Ricky Gale Burgess were held Friday, December 18, 2015 at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel of Konawa. Interment followed at the Burgess Family Cemetery with Jimsey Harjo.

Ricky passed away Saturday, December 12, 2015 in Seminole County. He was 57. Ricky was born November 26, 1958 in Wewoka to Bobby Burgess and Ellen May (Larney) Burgess. He graduated from Konawa High School. He married Sherry Hardesty on December 7, 1984 in Konawa. Ricky worked as a machinist for OG&E, and he attended Vamoosa Baptist Church. He had lived all of his life in Konawa. Ricky enjoyed working word search puzzles and enjoyed being with his children and grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Burgess; one brother, Bobby Burgess, and one sister, Lori Millican.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Burgess of Konawa; his mother, Ellen Burgess of Konawa; two sons, Michael Burgess and wife, Destiny of Ada, Okla., and Ricky Burgess, Jr. of Shawnee, Okla.; one daughter, Sonya Wilkie and husband, Eddie of Shawnee; two sisters, Cora Osborne of Konawa, and Barbara West and husband, Frank of Tecumseh, Okla.; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Chevy Motley, Chad Foster, Mitch Buck, Tommy Gibson, Jr., Jeremy Napoleon, Ross Kinnamon. Honorary pallbearers were Chris Baker, Franklin West, Jason Burgess, Billy Archer, and Dale Archer.

Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel of Konawa.

Christmas Dinner 2015



